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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: SHUM, PA  
SUBJECT: (U) PARAGUAYAN INVESTIGATION INTO CASE OF JOSEF MENGELE

REF: (A) 84 ASUNCION 7526, (B) 84 ASUNCION 7658

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT. -- THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.)

2. INTERIOR MINISTER MONTANARO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR FEBUARY 22 THAT THE GOP HAS UNDERWAY WHAT HE CALLED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE JOSEP MENGELE CASE. MONTANARO SAID THIS EFFORT WAS LAUNCHED ON THE BASIS OF THE REQUEST BY THE GROUP WHICH VISITED ASUNCION LAST NOVEMBER LED BY BROOKLYN DISTRICT ATTORNEY ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN. MONTANARO SAID HE HAS ASKED THE POLICE NATIONWIDE FOR ANY INFORMATION THEY HAD ON MENGELE, BUT THAT THEY HAD TURNED UP NOTHING ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS.

3. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED IF THE MINISTER HAD RECEIVED ANY FURTHER COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOLTZMAN GROUP SINCE THEIR VIST, NOTING THAT MONTANARO REPORTEDLY HAD AGREED TO ANSWER ANY FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AND PURSUE ANY LEADS WHICH THEY MIGHT PROVIDE. MONTANARO SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD FURTHER FROM THE GROUP. HE DID SAY THAT AT THE TIME OF ITS VISIT THE GROUP HAD PROVIDED HIM WITH NAMES OF ALLEGED ASSOCIATES OF MENGELE TAKEN FROM THE 1978 BRITISH TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY ON HIM BY GRANADA TV PRODUCTIONS. THESE, HE SAID, WERE ALREADY KNOWN TO THE GOP.

4. IF THE HOLTZMAN GROUP SUBMITS QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTS OTHER LEADS TO THE PARAGUAYANS, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO THE EMBASSY TO HAVE A COPY OF SUCH INFORMATION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT MS. HOLTZMAN TO ASK IF SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE US WITH SUCH MATERIAL.

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